

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Nicholas Bongiovanni	Team: Squad #2	CCRB Case #: 201403848	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Thursday, 03/27/2014 1:15 PM	Location of Incident: At the 73rd Precinct stationhouse and § 87(2)(b)	Precinct: 73	18 Mo. SOL 9/27/2015	EO SOL 9/27/2015	
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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address
§ 87(2)(b)	§ 87(2)(b)	§ 87(2)(b)

Witness(es)	Home Address
§ 87(2)(b)	§ 87(2)(b)
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Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. POM Thaddeus Grandstaff	15264	951784	073 PCT
2. An officer			Unknown

Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name
1. POM Francisco Pina	26670	934066	073 PCT
2. POM Brian Ramirez	22014	946143	073 PCT
3. SGT George Tavares	05354	931301	073 PCT
4. POM Rene Bersamin	19505	932327	073 PCT
5. POM Yong Yi	15935	944200	073 PCT
6. POF Alicia French	24481	941019	073 PCT
7. POM Paul Brown	28748	927972	073 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.POM Thaddeus Grandstaff	Abuse: At the 73rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Thaddeus Grandstaff threatened to notify Administration for Children's Services.	§ 87(2)(b)
B.POM Thaddeus Grandstaff	Abuse: PO Thaddeus Grandstaff entered and searched § 87(2)(b) in Brooklyn.	§ 87(2)(b)
C. An officer	Abuse: Inside of § 87(2)(b) in Brooklyn, an officer damaged § 87(2)(b)'s property.	§ 87(2)(b)
D. An officer	Abuse: In front of § 87(2)(b) in Brooklyn, an officer searched § 87(2)(b)'s vehicle.	§ 87(2)(b)

Case Summary

On March 26, 2014, at approximately 1:15 p.m., § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were each arrested for § 87(2)(b) inside of § 87(2)(b) in Brooklyn. § 87(2)(b)'s § 87(2)(b) son, § 87(2)(b) was also present. All civilians present were transported to the 73rd Precinct stationhouse. PO Grandstaff allegedly threatened § 87(2)(b) that if she did not sign a paper consenting to the search of her apartment, § 87(2)(b) would be put in ACS care (**Allegation A**). § 87(2)(b) signed a statement consenting to PO Thaddeus Grandstaff only searching her master bedroom (encl. 42A). PO Grandstaff entered and searched the master bedroom, and allegedly searched the storage room inside of the apartment (**Allegation B**). When § 87(2)(b) was released and returned home, she observed her window blinds dented or broken (**Allegation C**). § 87(2)(b) also alleged that while she was at the stationhouse, unidentified officer(s) searched her vehicle (**Allegation D**).

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

§ 87(2)(b) was arrested as a result of this incident, and therefore this case is ineligible for mediation. On December 29, 2014, a request for any Notice of Claim filed by § 87(2)(b) was sent to the Comptroller's Office, and any findings will be added to the case file upon receipt (encl. 50A). [§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

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Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- This is the first CCRB complaint filed by § 87(2)(b) (encl. 2A).
 - PO Grandstaff has been a member of the NYPD for three years, has had twelve other CCRB allegations, involving six cases with no substantiated allegations. § 87(2)(g)
- § 87(2)(b)

Findings and Recommendations

Explanation of Subject Officer Identification

§ 87(2)(b) alleged that after she was released and returned home, she observed her window blinds either dented or broken. § 87(2)(b) did not see any officer causing any damage to her window blinds. § 87(2)(b) alleged that officers searched her vehicle that was parked in front of her home while she was at the stationhouse. § 87(2)(b) stated that an individual informed her of such but refused to provide that individual's name or contact information. Neither § 87(2)(b) nor § 87(2)(b) was present when these allegations occurred.

Eight officers were interviewed, and only PO Grandstaff, PO Francisco Pina and Sgt. § 87(2)(b) Tavares each stated that they were present at § 87(2)(b) at some point on the date of the incident. PO Grandstaff, PO Pina and Sgt. Tavares each did not observe any damage to § 87(2)(b)'s window blinds. PO Grandstaff and Sgt. Tavares denied entering or searching § 87(2)(b)'s vehicle, or observing any other officer doing so. PO Pina did not recall entering or searching § 87(2)(b)'s vehicle, and did not observe any other officer doing so. § 87(2)(g)

§ 87(2)(b)

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Allegations Not Pleaded

- **Property damage:** Upon returning to the apartment, § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) each observed plastic bags containing clothes, having appeared to be ripped open. § 87(2)(g) .

Allegation A- Abuse of Authority: At the 73rd Precinct stationhouse, PO Thaddeus Grandstaff threatened to notify Administration for Children's Services.

Allegation B- Abuse of Authority: PO Thaddeus Grandstaff entered and searched § 87(2)(b) in Brooklyn.

§ 87(2)(b) and PO Grandstaff each stated that § 87(2)(b) told police that guns and drugs were inside of § 87(2)(b)'s apartment. § 87(2)(b) alleged that she was alone and inside the stationhouse when PO Grandstaff, present with another officer present identified via investigation as Sgt. Tavares, told her that if she did not sign a statement consenting to a search of her apartment, her § 87(2)(b) son, § 87(2)(b) would be put in ACS care (CCRB Statements encl. 5A-7G). § 87(2)(b) signed a statement consenting to PO Grandstaff only searching her master bedroom (encl. 42A), and remained at the stationhouse when PO Grandstaff did so. § 87(2)(b) stated that she only signed the document because she believed that she would not be released until she did so. It is undisputed that PO Grandstaff returned to the apartment, and entered and searched § 87(2)(b)'s master bedroom to look for guns or drugs. § 87(2)(b) alleged that PO Grandstaff also entered and searched the storage room inside of her apartment while she was at the stationhouse. § 87(2)(b) did not observe any officers entering or searching the storage room in her apartment, but believed that PO Grandstaff searched her storage room because upon her return, she observed items in that room to be moved.

§ 87(2)(b) was not present when PO Grandstaff spoke with § 87(2)(b) at the stationhouse. § 87(2)(b) was inside of the stationhouse when officers allegedly entered and searched the storage room inside of § 87(2)(b)'s apartment but stated that when he returned to the apartment, he observed plastic bags inside of the storage room to be ripped open (CCRB Statements encl. 8A-8G).

PO Grandstaff stated that he notified ACS upon arriving at the stationhouse in regards to § 87(2)(b) being § 87(2)(b) and his family members involved in a physical altercation and not able to attend to him at the moment (encl. 11A-11C). PO Grandstaff stated that § 87(2)(b) informed him at the stationhouse that there were guns and drugs inside of § 87(2)(b)'s master bedroom. PO Grandstaff stated that he then asked § 87(2)(b) to sign a document consenting to the search of her apartment's master bedroom, and she complied. PO Grandstaff denied ever telling § 87(2)(b) that if she did not sign a statement consenting to the search of her apartment, § 87(2)(b) would be put in ACS care. Sgt. Tavares did not hear any officer telling § 87(2)(b) that § 87(2)(b) would be put in ACS care (encl. 21A-21B).

PO Grandstaff denied ever entering a storage room inside of § 87(2)(b)'s apartment. PO Grandstaff did not recall which officer was with him when he searched the master bedroom, but did not observe any officer entering any other room of the apartment. Sgt. Tavares denied ever entering any room inside of § 87(2)(b)'s apartment or observing any other officer do so. PO Pina denied ever entering the storage room inside of § 87(2)(b)'s apartment or observing any other officer do so (encl. 25A-25C).

§ 87(2)(g)

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Allegation C- Abuse of Authority: Inside of § 87(2)(b) in Brooklyn, an officer damaged § 87(2)(b)'s property.

Allegation D- Abuse of Authority: In front of § 87(2)(b) in Brooklyn, an officer searched § 87(2)(b)'s vehicle.

§ 87(2)(b) alleged that officer(s) dented and broke her window blinds inside of her apartment, and searched her vehicle in front of her apartment (CCRB Statements encl. 5A-7G).

§ 87(2)(g)

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Investigator: _____
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Supervisor: _____
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